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Date: 27 Dec 93 23:03:18 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: (none)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

help
quit

Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1993 09:59:39 -0700
From: usc!math.ohio-state.edu!cyber2.cyberstore.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!nebulus!

ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: ARLP051

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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QST de W1AW

Propagation Forecast Bulletin 51 ARLP051

Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1993 22:40:21 GMT

From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!
gatekeeper.es.dupont.com!esds01.es.dupont.com!

COLLINST%esvx19.es.dupont.com@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: cw waivers

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CIpoCt.BCz@cbnewsj.cb.att.com>, k2ph@cbnewsj.cb.att.com (The QRPer) writes:

>From article <1993Dec27.150035.10400@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, by gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman):

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>> CW is still alive among contestants because it's a *separate award category*.

>> The purpose of contesting is to accumulate as many awards as possible,

>> ... other stuff deleted ...

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FUN!!!! Bite your tongue....God forbid a Radio Amateur have fun....That Sir isn't advancing the "Art of Radio".....

You must hate CW, and only operate your TCP/IP Pulse Position Modulated Spread Spectrum signal in the 14.000-14.025Mhz range, and frown while doing it. FUN.....no way. The Amateur Radio Service is to make fun of and put down anyone using such outmoded transmission as CW....rather you should be on some mountain top using a 10Ghz signal pointed to the Remlaks on the planet Zotar....no FUN is allowed.

No one in their right mind could have FUN using CW at 20WPM shooting the breeze with a Extra Class Amateur....FUN is not defined anywhere in Part 97....

(The above for the Anal Retentive Types is HUMOR 8-) not to be confused with serious comments)

Thanks & 73 | "Get your facts first, and then you can
Tom WI3P | distort them as much as you please."
collinst@esvax.dnet.dupont.com| Mark Twain
*** MY EMPLOYER DOESN'T SPEAK FOR ME NOR I FOR THEM ***

Date: Mon, 27 Dec 93 19:25:30 PST
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!destroyer!
nntp.cs.ubc.ca!mala.bc.ca!oneb!ham!emd@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: cw waivers
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

collinst@esvx19.es.dupont.com (Thomas Collins WI3P) writes:

> In article <CIpoCt.BCz@cbnewsj.cb.att.com>, k2ph@cbnewsj.cb.att.com (The QRPe
> >From article <1993Dec27.150035.10400@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, by gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.
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Jeez, Tom, you just don't understand!

If ya really wanna have fun, put a message on your local 2M repeater at 20 w.p.m. CW, and listen to see how many of the olde phartes can copy it mobile.....

Not to be discriminatory, young phartes are OK too!

Date: 27 Dec 1993 22:53:02 -0600
From: sdd.hp.com!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!uwm.edu!
cs.utexas.edu!bga.com!bga.com!nobody@network.ucsd.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

All I've gotta say is: Thank god that the FCC is being more stringent with this code waiver thingy. There are very few cases I can think of where someone could not copy 13- or 20-wpm code. I can, and (as noted by my .sig) I am blind. Blindness has, I'm told, been used as an excuse for taking the code waiver. Well, what a cop-out. Anyhow, yeah, if it's needed, fine, but I think that there's a number of people who probably take the waiver when, through a little effort, they could pass the test. No solid proof of course, but it's this feeling I've got. Irrational, perhaps ... but if the FCC is getting more strict with it, then it won't affect people who genuinely need a waiver (the few who do).

73,

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Buddy Brannan, KB5ELV | God is love.
Riff-Raff #4 | Love is blind.
Internet: davros@bga.com | Buddy is blind.
davros@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu | Buddy is God.

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 03:19:41 GMT
From: munnari.oz.au!sgiblab!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!
cyber2.cyberstore.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!nebulaus!ve6mgs!mark@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Fullerton Area First Night Festival Station
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Fullerton Amateur Radio Club is holding a First Night Special Event Station. First Night, as many of you should know, is a non-alcoholic celebration of the beginning of 1994.

The club will operate a special event station on the General Section of the 80, 40, 20 and 15 Meter Band from 3UTC to 8UTC with the club sign of W6ULI. VHF contacts will be made on 147.975, and on the 'Big Bear' repeater on 147.330 on the hour. Certificates for contacts will be provided on receipt of QSL cards.

For more information, Contact KD6TAD, Rowland D Hill.

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 03:32:00 GMT
From: munnari.oz.au!sgiblab!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!
cyber2.cyberstore.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!nebulaus!ve6mgs!mark@network.ucsd.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

mark@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca (Mark Gregory Salyzyn) writes:

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>80, 40, 20 and 15 Meter Band from 3UTC to 8UTC with the club sign of W6ULI.

Now for *my* question about this information, does *anyone* know what specific frequencies they might try to be on? As organizer for the radio communications at First Night here in Edmonton I would like to ensure as 'profitable' contact as possible between the two respective celebrations in each community.

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

If any Radio Amateur in the Edmonton District is interested in operating at this event, please contact either me, or Mike Taylor of the Edmonton First Night Festival organization. If you do not hold an Amateur Radio Certificate, do NOT let that hold you back from volunteering in other roles within the festival.

Date: 27 Dec 93 23:13:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Ham ticket
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>DOES ANYONE OUT THERE KNOW IF FCC HAS STOPPED PROCESSING LICENSES. I AM STILL
>WAITING SINCE 11/9/93 FOR MY TICKET TO ARRIVE AND I AM GROWING IMPATIENT.
>ALL REPLIES WELCOME!!!
>73

hummm.... 11/9...add 8 weeks (allowing for xmas) so 1/4/94 should be about the
time you get it or so. could be longer if the VE team and VEC both took the
full 10 days to do their thing as well. when you get to 2/22/94 will be the
time to start worrying. the new proposed "instant" scheme would have you up
and operating until March 2, 1994 (17 weeks + 1 day = 120 days) and that's
supposed to be the worst it can ever get.

sit tight and quit watching the mail box until March.

bill wb9ivr

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 02:21:57 GMT
From: world!dts@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Ham ticket
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Sit tight. You should have your license in a few days. My dad took his test
around the same time (+/- a day or two) and got his ticket today.

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Daniel Senie Internet: dts@world.std.com
Daniel Senie Consulting n1jeb@world.std.com
508-365-5352 Compuserve: 74176,1347

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 06:05:35 GMT

From: netcomsv!netcom.com!msattler@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Ham ticket
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Daniel T Senie (dts@world.std.com) wrote:

: >>DOES ANYONE OUT THERE KNOW IF FCC HAS STOPPED PROCESSING LICENSES. I AM STILL
: >>WAITING SINCE 11/9/93 FOR MY TICKET TO ARRIVE AND I AM GROWING IMPATIENT.
: >>ALL REPLIES WELCOME!!!
: >>73

: Sit tight. You should have your license in a few days. My dad took his test
: around the same time (+/- a day or two) and got his ticket today.

As did I: KE6DZF. Keep checking that mailbox :-)

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Michael S. Sattler msattler@netcom.com +1 (415) 621-2903
Digital Jungle Software Encrypt now; ask me how. (finger for PGP key)
Geek = GCSy+n+f+g+t+d--p--c++u+e+m++s++/rhw!1
All that is required for evil to triumph is
for {wo}men of good will to do nothing.

Date: 28 Dec 93 07:14:40 GMT
From: europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!paris.ics.uci.edu!ucivax!
gateway@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Need TS 440 and TU 8 information
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello All:

I have the Kenwood TS 440 and have picked up the TU 8 tone encoder
(I believe it is the TU 8, it is not marked, but I picked it up from
a former TS 440 owner who said he used it in his radio).

I have no instruction sheet for the TU 8. I need one. Someone kindly
sent me the sheet for the TSU 4, but it is either not the same as the
TU 8, doesn't give me enough info, or my TU 8 does not work. Can't tell.

So....I need the TU 8 instruction sheet. Fax / copy would be just fine.
Actually, info by e-mail would be fine. I need to know:

1. The switch settings to get 107 pl tone.
2. How to activate (where to place the unit). I had heard once (on the
air) that the PL is not activated unless the TS 440 was operating from the

split memories. Is this true?

Thanks for anything at all. I am anxious to use some local 10 meter repeaters and cannot do it until I figure this all out.

Clark

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WA3JPG, QRP #3526, active on HF, VHF and UHF.
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

Date: Mon, 27 DEC 93 23:06:06 EST
From: news.centerline.com!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Optimum call sign for CW/contests?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In the last ARRL June VHF contest, I did a very little CW with our group's callsign, KD6BIS. What a horrible call for CW! The B, D and 6 are just one "dit" different, as well as the I and the S.

My old Novice call (KC6DTM) sounded better on CW than my current call, KM6JE, but at least my new call is shorter to send...

In my humble opinion, the Australian VK prefix is almost musical in CW.

73 from Leigh/KM6JE in Santa Barbara.

Date: 28 Dec 1993 08:05:33 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!csd4.csd.uwm.edu!erchul@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: STOLEN
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

STOLEN (from a truck)
Milwaukee, WI (far southeast side)

Cobra 148 GTL CB
serial number: 25031501

Reward offered for information leading
to the apprehension of the person(s)
who stole this radio and/or it's
safe return to it's owner.

contact erchul@csd4.csd.uwm.edu
(Christmas can bring out the worst in some people!)

Date: 27 Dec 1993 22:51:49 GMT
From: usc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.ans.net!
mailhost.interaccess.com!interaccess.com!hopken@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: tcp-group-digest
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Can someone give me the correct address to subscribe to this mail list?
I've tried three times at ucsd.edu and got an error message each time.
Thanks for your help!

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Ken Hopkins WA9WCP | Internet - HOPKEN@interaccess.com
Disaster Team - | AMPRnet - 44.72.1.162
American Red Cross | AX.25 - WA9WCP@W9ZMR.IL.USA

Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1993 23:59:17 GMT
From: usc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!dog.ee.lbl.gov!newshub.nosc.mil!
avalon.chinalake.navy.mil!avalon!erik@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: UK scanner listeners arrested; called "hams"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Thomas Collins WI3P (collinst@esvx19.es.dupont.com) wrote:
: In article <CIpCrE.2xr@world.std.com>, slm@world.std.com (slm) writes:
: >POLICE TURN TABLES ON POLICE RADIO EAVESDROPPERS
: > The eavesdroppers ``could hardly believe their ears --
: >aliens were invading planet Earth ... Doncaster to be exact,''
: >the report, citing the latest edition of a local police
: >magazine, said.
: > It said several people were arrested and charged with acting
: >illegally on information in police broadcasts.

: Though I know the laws differ in various countries, this
: is (IMHO) a police force with too much time on their

: hands.....(sounds like something that could happen
: in New Jersey 8-)

Agreed about the police methods, but who is going to take seriously a report about aliens? I remember as a child police talking about Santa Claus sitings over their radios but I didn't buy it.

Imagine the double indignity of
1. being arrested
2. for rushing to the scene of a "UFO" siting

Mr. Fingers (and many others no doubt) once said "Believe one-half of what you see, one-third of what you read, and one-tenth of what you hear."

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Erik KC6UUT DoD#4342585443 AMA#438054

Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1993 20:56:54 +0000
From: pipex!demon!llondel.demon.co.uk!dave@uunet.uu.net
Subject: UK scanner listeners arrested; called "hams"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CIpCrE.2xr@world.std.com> slm@world.std.com (slm) writes:
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>I read the following "Guardian" report, via Reuters news service, and was rather
>irked. I would imagine that all the folks involved in this were
>NOT necessarily ham-radio operators :-(
>
>And I'm no expert on British law, but it seems rather unfortunate
>to arrest someone because they wanted to drive someplace and see
>something, if they were looking from a distance and not interfering
>with police activities.
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[article deleted]

This one is also doing the rounds on the GB packet network, and everyone is complaining about the lack of distinction between licensed amateurs and scanner-only people. Most amateurs would have more sense than to turn up.

Under English law (and probably Scottish as well - the two are not always the same) the only things you can listen to radio-wise without a licence of some sort are broadcast stuff, amateur radio and transmissions from the standard frequency service.

In practice, you can listen to anything you like so long as you don't admit to doing so. By turning up at the UFO event all these people were implicitly admitting to listening to police frequencies. Serves them right for being stupid really.

Note that I don't agree with the law, but the British Goverment has always been a bit paranoid about what its citizens can listen to!

Dave

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*****  
* G4WRW @ GB7WRW.#41.GBR.EU AX25      * Think of it as evolution *  
* dave@llondel.demon.co.uk  Internet *      in action             *  
* g4wrw@g4wrw.ampr.org    Amprnet  *             *  
*****
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Date: 27 Dec 93 22:31:57 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>But there are a few things I have been disappointed with. First and foremost >is the cost of the hobby. I've been licensed for four months, and I have >still not saved up enough money to get even my first radio. I have been >active only

Cost? Go check out some ham mags from 20 years ago. You spent a kilobuck on equipment that did less than didn't perform as well overall. and you got to spend time "installing" it by making all the patch cords (well, at least running down to radio shack...). you needed a receiver, transmitter, a separate power supply and speaker -- around \$1200 or so list from places like Drake. Collins is out of the question. And the TS-520 is an "unproven rice burner" at this time, and is priced around \$600. don't forget you need a key, mike, etc.

USE that club station when you have time. But you say you aren't there. Have you investigated clubs in the area where you happen to be? it would be worth checking out. And you don't have to do it ALL right away. you can keep your CW fresh using a computer. (it took me 19 years to finally get the Extra..) and it sounds like you have something to use to keep in touch with the others in the area.

you are just starting out...relax and give it some time. when you get out of school and start working you'll have more time for an avocation and hopefully the funding to afford some nice new stuff.

(price other things to do like Photography, Scuba Diving, heck, even Bowling -- \$100 for shoes (1 league's use will be cheaper than renting), \$125 for something like a Brunswick Rhino Pro Teal ball (it seems everyone has a "tacky" ball these days...but maybe you want to hold up for the new "steel" RP ball (bowling alley is pushing it but they haven't gotten any in yet), \$30 for a single ball bag (if you are serious you need at least a double so you can have your "tacky" and "slick" balls with you when you go to permit you to adapt to that evening's lane condx), and bowling at \$3/game (or about \$350-\$400 per league per "season" in a non-money league [low prize fund contribution]) plus sanction fees and food and drinks and other supplies if desired (wrist braces, tacky ball cleaner, hand towels, rosin, locker rental, etc.) or about \$600 to get "started" in bowling (assuming you buy everything new at a pro shop, and don't shop or consider "used" equipment, last year's "technology" (ye olde Used, Plugged, Black Beauty or AMF "3-dot" rubber ball for \$20 incl fitting and drilling) or "free house balls", etc.)

(me, i have 1 \$50, old Ebonite "red" gyro 1 ball that almost hooks on the new lane surfaces and a \$20 bag..i'm killed on shoes with size 14-15 feet..i might consider getting a new ball in another year or two since the old red urethane ball is finally beginning to sustain some damage around the finger holes. and the G1 was a step up from a Custom LTD i had in college i bought with some christmas gift money i got as a senior in high school - the synthetic alleys did me in on that one.).

bill wb9ivr

Date: 27 Dec 1993 23:46:04 GMT
From: europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!
magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!csn!hellgate.utah.edu!fcom.cc.utah.edu!u.cc.utah.edu!
news.cc.utah.edu!curran@library.ucla.edu
Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The rhino pro teal is \$150, and works great. This really should be cross posted to alt.sports.bowling. hi hi

Date: (null)
From: (null)
SB PROP @ ARL \$ARLP051
ARLP051 Propagation de KT7H

Solar activity was low last week. Solar flux dropped to 83.8 on December 17, the lowest since September 14.

Geomagnetic conditions were mostly stable. The K index did go as high as four, but only on a few occasions on the 16th, and once each day on the 17th, 18th and 22nd.

Flux values should rise to 105 or higher in the first few days of the new year, and then fall back to around 85 after the middle of January. There is a possibility of some disturbed conditions around January 12.

Sunspot Numbers from December 16 through 22 were 29, 47, 51, 25, 53, 45 and 61, with a mean of 44.4. 10.7 cm flux was 84.5, 83.8, 85.1, 87, 91, 92.9 and 100, with a mean of 89.2.

The path projection for this week is for Christmas day, from Omaha, Nebraska to Soviet Georgia.

80 meters looks good from 2000z to 0800z, with a weaker opening from 1130z to 1500z. The best time is from 2330z to 0430z. 40 meters should be open around the clock, with the best time from 2300z to 0500z, and the weakest signals from 1130z to 1200z and 1530z to 1630z. 30 meters should be best from 1330z to 1730z, 0400z to 0530z and again around 0730z. 20 meters should be open around 1430z to 1600z, and there is a small chance of openings from 2130z to 2330z and 0500z to 0730z. The frequencies above 20 meters do not look good over this path at this time of year.

NNNN

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